

AFTER EIGHT BELLS.

Tales of Nautical Adventure Heard in Our Watch Below.

"The Even'g World" Prize for the Best Sea Story.

Contest to Close at 9 P. M., Saturday Aug. 9.

The Sea Story Contest will be closed at 9 p. m. of Saturday, Aug. 9. No letters received after that hour will be eligible to compete for the prize.

Letters must be addressed to the "Sea Story Editor," THE EVENING WORLD, P. O. Box 2,354, New York City.

WRITE ONLY ON ONE SIDE OF THE PAPER. The letters must not exceed 250 words in length.

Stories must not be copied or paraphrased from books or travel, histories, etc.

Picture stamps and a return request must be enclosed to secure the receipt of any manuscript.

A prize of \$50 in gold will be awarded to the author of the best story.

Story of a Fight with Pirates.

On a voyage from New York to Bombay I went on deck one cold January night. The howling wind and drifting snow made things very disagreeable to those on duty. Being of a hearty constitution, I little heeded the tempest, but it my eye enjoyed a quiet smoke in a cozy corner of the deck.

Presently I fell asleep, only to be aroused by the lookout, who shouted, "Ship, ahoy!"

I arose to see where it was, and perceived a faint light some fifty yards off, and to windward, bearing down upon us. We signalled the vessel, but to our surprise she did not respond.

"Great God!" exclaimed the captain, suddenly, "it is the Blind Hawk!"

The "Blind Hawk" was a notorious pirate, manned by remorseless gang and cut-throats, who destroyed and plundered everything that came within their reach.

Resolved to sell our lives dearly, every man on board volunteered to defend the ship. We procured a number of cutlasses and stood prepared to meet the enemy.

In another minute the pirates had run under our counter, and without ceremony boarded our vessel.

For the next twenty minutes a desperate and bloody battle ensued, in which we came out victorious. Six of our most gallant defenders were killed. Three of the pirates were taken captive and laid in chains. The remaining pirates retreated in confusion and soon sailed off.

The blinding snow-storm rendered it impossible to estimate their loss, but it exceeded ours.

We reached our destination without further mishap and delivered the three captives to the local Indian authorities, to whom they were well known. They were beheaded without even a trial.

LESLIE BURLOW.

Founded in a Blazing Sea of Oil.

It was in the year 1856 that the schooner Ewie McGowan sailed from this port for the Mosquito Coast with a full cargo of oil.

All went well until the fourth day out, when a tremendous electric storm arose. We were struck by a large wave which razed the vessel, and before we could realize what had happened all hands were struggling in the water.

As it happened, the small boats were not securely fastened, and soon they appeared on the surface and all hands were scrambling into them.

In one was the captain and four of the crew, while in the other was the mate, cook and a passenger.

We immediately pulled off and hoisted our signals of distress, but had not gone far when a sharp flash of lightning was seen, which was followed immediately by a loud explosion, and upon looking in the direction of the wreck found that the oil had been struck and that the entire vessel was in a blaze.

No sooner had the lightning struck the ship than the burning oil had spread itself and was coming for us with a wild fury. The captain gave orders for all hands to man the pumps and pull as hard as they could, but in a short time we had succeeded in getting out of reach of the flames.

The poor mate and his comrades were less fortunate, however, for with only two assistants it was impossible for him to make any headway in such a sea, and the angry flames were soon encircling their boat, which immediately caught fire. They in their mad fright jumped into the water, only to be smothered by the flames, and then all went down.

While we were endeavoring in some way to save our poor friends another wave came and swamped our boat, and the captain and the ship's cook were the only persons who succeeded in getting into her again. When they did the other three, together with our own crew, were all there.

The fire attracted the attention of the British bark Alice, which immediately

MIDSUMMER FIRST NIGHTS.

First Production of "The Balloon" at the Star To-Night.

A Brilliant Success Anticipated for "The Red Hussar."

Gustav Amberg has prepared an inviting menu for the Terrace Garden restaurant, and while in Rio Janeiro there came alongside, as usual, bumpoats with all sorts of curios, which would be bargained for clothing. I espied in one an American eagle. It being my National bird, I resolved to buy it, which I did.

Shortly after we anchored in Havana, and on going ashore that night I came across one of the many cock-fights which are indulged in there. After betting and losing all we had, and returned rather crestfallen, when a brilliant idea struck me. I would clip Jim (the eagle) and trim him like a bird. When I did it and looked a good deal like one.

Going ashore that night Jim was taken along. The pit, which was dimly lighted, was crowded with spectators, and some of the finest game cocks in Havana were there.

We put Jim into the pit, and a sorrowful looking sight it was. We explained to the crowd that he was an old American rooster, who was once a pretty good fighter, but was pretty well played out now.

After considering money had been put up for a few moments there was nothing to do but to let the bird fight. The air of the pit mingled with dust. When it did, Jim was found all right, but there was little left of his antagonist.

Jim, whose dancer was up now, annihilated about four more, and we took our money with Jim and came aboard. Our revenge was complete, and they still have a deal of respect for "America's rooster."

WALTON.

Carried the Iron Thirteen Years.

In 1877 I was made on the whaling schooner Anna G. One afternoon, just before sundown, we lowered a boat and harpooned a large whale. The animal turned and dashed so quickly at us that, before we could avoid the catastrophe, we were all floundering in the heavy sea.

I clung to a portion of the wreck and shouted lustily for help, but as it was already dark and a strong wind was blowing away from the ship, soon lost sight of her. When almost exhausted, I spied a large, empty hoghead bobbing on the waves, and I picked it up, and, most starved to death, by the brig Bessie, bound for St. John, N. H.

I recovered after a lingering illness and followed my old career on the sea. Thirteen years later, in 1890, I chartered the schooner Pearl, and in the last days of another cruise I picked up the same hoghead. I was utterly astounded at finding the broken end of the Anna G.'s harpoon firmly imbedded in its carcass. It was the identical fish.

P. S. P.

Not Heartless, Only Thrifty.

In the Spring of 1863 I shipped from Provincetown, Mass., on the schooner Julian (Capt. Lewis) for a five-months' cruise for codfish on the Grand Banks of Newfoundland.

After an uneventful voyage of twelve days the vessel was hoisted to and a line thrown overboard to feel for fish. The trial was successful, the anchor dropped and the crew ordered out in the water. The captain, cook and green hands fished from the deck of the schooner, each using two lines, two hook and pull and two hands taking fish from the books as fast as we could pull in the line.

Inside of six hours there were landed on deck 1,000 codfish, weighing from five to twenty-five pounds each.

On the Banks fishing vessels lie at anchor every night and each man takes a watch of codfish, and the watch is kept by line pull heavily, I raised to the surface.

With a cry of horror I rushed for the Captain's bunk. He, when sufficiently aware of what was going on, pulled down his jack-knife from his trousers' pocket and, walking to the other side of the line, with his horrible freight, and, leaning over the side, he pulled as hard as he could, with the remark:

"Cod lines is too darned expensive these times to waste a foot out!"

H. A. T.

Grand Army Men Out.

The annual festival and picnic of Noah L. Farnham Post, No. 458, O. A. R., will take place at the Casino, on Staten Island, on Sunday, August 10, at 10 o'clock.

Commentator Chas. McK. Leoser will make all the guests happy.

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A SISTER'S HATE.

The Story of a Love Affair and How It Terminated

Next morning they breakfasted at an early hour and then went out walking, the girls, at the request of Julie, accompanied by her.

Thus passed three months, during which Alexis regained his health. He talked instead, while Pauline took to reading under his directions.

One evening Soile and Julie—it was a summer's night—were standing at a window talking. Mademoiselle de Fougere was describing some scenery in England, and for the benefit of the French girls, who were looking out into a pretty flower garden, cultivated chiefly by Pauline. She said beside Alexis reading. He was writing a letter. Suddenly he turned towards

"Pauline," said he, in a low whisper, "I am so happy that I know not how to express myself. I have written down these pages my feelings, and shall give them to my sister to-night."

"But she will never consent!" replied Pauline, while she had explained their mutual feelings a month past.

"My dear Pauline," said Alexis, gravely, "I love my sister. I look up to her. I respect her; but in a matter like this I must not think of yielding to her. I hope from my heart to gain her consent, but now I have your promise, and Soile says that your father approves of the idea, my mind is resolved."

"My dear Pauline! my happiness in one scale and a prejudice in the other! I cannot hesitate. You are the first woman I have ever been intimate with; but I would not ask for her. Years of intimacy would never have made me feel the same as I do now. She is not my ideal."

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